

**Council Meeting
22 April 2013**

Mayor Fischbach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Linda Swaney – No, Craig Ronyak – No, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes, Brian Johnston – No.

Visitors: Marcianne Kimpton, Ann Wishart, Jack Garner, Jared Flynn, Judy Beaumier, Lee Koroshes, Jane Koroshes, Debbie Palmisano, Rick Smigelski.

Mayor Fischbach took a moment to inform the visitors that the Village had a quorum but not enough members were present to vote on legislation or waive readings.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of March. Pancake events went well and without incident. The Department responded to 120 incidents, made 42 traffic stops, made one arrest, and issued three citations. Officers worked 907 hours and put 2218 miles on the police vehicles.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Flynn had no report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mrs. Lillibridge placed Resolution 2013-09, requesting the County Auditor to certify to the taxing authority the total tax valuation of the subdivision and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills, on final reading. No vote was taken at this time.

Mrs. Lillibridge placed Resolution 2013-12, requesting an amended certificate of revenue and appropriations from the Geauga County Auditor for the purpose of increasing the tree commission budget, and on second reading.

Mrs. Lillibridge introduced Resolution 2013-13, approving the Fiscal Officer to request an amended certificate of resources and permanent appropriations from the Geauga County Auditor regarding the General fund, the Capitalization Funds and the Special Revenue funds for purpose of increasing the Cemetery Operating Fund budget and increasing the Street Capitalization budget and declaring an emergency and placed it on first reading.

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Mrs. Lillibridge introduced Resolution 2013-14, to participate in the Geauga County Engineer Resource Rental Program, and placed it on first reading.

Mr. Coleman opened a discussion about Resolution 2013-12, asserting that the Tree Commission had not hired an Arborist prior to developing the budget for 2013. The Tree Commission has sufficient funds to cover the additional expenditure requested. The money requested will be used to cover any additional tree trimming and removal that may come up.

Mr. Coleman asked after the tree on Cook Street that was to be removed as a result of work done during the Cook Street water line installation. Mr. Coleman was informed that the cost of removing the tree was coming out of the General Fund.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mr. Hauser moved to approve payment and Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked the Mayor if he wanted to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Hess, the Village Engineer, needs to know as soon as possible whether to go forward with Goodwin Street as an Issue I project or take another path. The Mayor stated that he had talked with Mr. Hess and there was some concern about going after Goodwin in 2014 when other Streets might be in worse condition. Mayor Fischbach recommended holding off on any decision at this time.

Council declined to consider the April 8 minutes until more Council members were present. Approval of minutes for 8 April will wait until the next meeting.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach noted that the Comprehensive Plan update was still being worked on and that a meeting date with Ms. Kirby Date of Cleveland State University was being arranged. Mayor Fischbach asked Mrs. Lillibridge to join the committee discussing the Comprehensive Plan.

Old Business:

BCPA- Mr. Paquette reported that the meeting on 11 April was held. Discussions concerning a Fire District are ongoing. Mayor Fischbach encouraged Mr. Paquette to contact the other Fiscal Officers in the affected Municipalities to move the process forward.

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On the subject of Badger prints (painted tracks on the road), a decision was deferred until more members of Council could be present.

Mrs. Lillibridge moved to allow the Chamber of Commerce use of the Village Park for its Saturdays in the Park activities this summer including the wine festival and the Ox-toberfest. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. By voice vote motion was approved.

On the Chamber of Commerce's request for \$1000 to support flowers and hanging baskets in the Village, a decision was deferred until more members of Council could be present.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Ms. Palmisano concerning the Tree Commission. Ms. Palmisano invited Council to the Arbor Day festivities in the Big Library Meeting Room on 27 April from 1 to 3 PM. Awards will be given for the poster contest including a family pass to the Holden Arboretum. Those students participating in the poster contest will receive a Norway pine seedling to plant. Berkshire school students will also be on hand to make a presentation on invasive pests in the Village trees.

Mrs. Kimpton, Ms. Palmisano and Mr. Coleman engaged in a brief discussion concerning emergency tree removal, a plan for emergency tree removal, and possible options to arrange for an on call tree removal service. Mr. Coleman and the Tree Commission will discuss and make recommendations to Council. Mr. Coleman also asked about the possibility of contract specific language that will dictate our terms to potential tree removal companies. Mr. Flynn will follow up with Mr. Hicks.

Mr. Koroshes commented on the good job done by the brush pickup crew in the Village.

New Business:

No new business was brought before Council.

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn and Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Mayor/President Pro-tem

Fiscal Officer